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WITHIN FIRST YEAR, REGISTER YOUR MOBILEHOME CALIFORNIA SAVES MOBILEHOME OWNERS MORE THAN \$500,000

State program saving homeowners up to thousands of dollars by waiving taxes, fees

SACRAMENTO – Register Your Mobilehome California, a new state program that provides waivers for past-due registration fees and taxes for mobilehomes and manufactured homes, has saved homeowners more than \$500,000 in its first year of operation.

Besides the savings in fees and taxes, homeowners who have taken advantage of the program will also see additional benefits. They are now properly positioned to legally sell or transfer their property, apply for fire and flood insurance, and receive financial assistance and rebates from utility providers.

The program, administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) allows people who acquired a mobilehome or manufactured home, but didn't get the proper registration, to correct the issue and not have to pay back taxes and fees.

"Mobilehomes and manufactured homes are often a more affordable option for many lower-income Californians, especially seniors on fixed incomes," said HCD Director Ben Metcalf. "Register Your Mobilehome California gives them the opportunity to avoid paying hundreds or even thousands of dollars in state and local taxes, fees, and penalties, giving them a more secure situation."

Mobilehome and manufactured home owners who have never applied for registration and don't have title are eligible for the program. Under many circumstances, the owner never realized the mobilehome was supposed to have proper title and registration. Other owners may have wanted title, but couldn't afford the back state and local taxes and fees.

HCD has established the <u>RegisterYourMobilehomeCA.org</u> website, detailing how to obtain the fee and tax waivers, who is eligible, and how homeowners can apply. In addition, HCD officials conduct mobile events in communities to connect with owners, provide information to mobilehome park operators, mobilehome community groups, and statewide associations.

The program will continue through the end of 2019, so mobilehome owners are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

For more information, visit http://registeryourmobilehomeca.org or call (800) 952-8356. Assistance is available in all languages. A Spanish-language version of the website, as well as other languages through Google Translate, can be accessed by clicking on the upper right corner of the homepage.

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